

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Kristopher BUCHANAN et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1797
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Application No.: 10/539,562	)	Examiner: Bowers, N.
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Filed: June 17, 2005	)	Confirmation No.: 2677
	)	
For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS OF	)	
SAMPLE PROCESSING AND	)	
TEMPERATURE CONTROL	)	

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"), fulfills the requirements for a submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and is in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 2, 2009, the period for response to which extends through January 4, 2010, as January 2, 2010 is a Saturday, by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.